Installation of Integrated Local Area Network

1878. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2045 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th December, 1995 and state the progress made by NIC in installing the integrated Local Area Network (LAN) in the Ministry of Labour?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): National Informatics Centre (NIC) has already installed one Pentium machine, four 80486-SX machines and nine Local Terminal Servers, completed laying of ethernet cable and terminal cable, Installation of Terminals in various Sections is already being done on the basis of projected priority and requirement.

Piped Gas for Domestic use in Visakhapatnam

1879. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to supply piped gas for domestic use in Visakhapatnam;

(b) if so, the number of households which would benefit from piped gas supply;

(c) when would this scheme be implemented;

(d) whether any ground-work has been done in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) Presently there is no proposal to supply piped gas for domestic use, in Visakhapatnam.

(b) to (e) Do Not arise.

CGHS benefits to Retired Employees Absorbed in PSUs

1880. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government servants who had opted for lumpsum payment of admissible pro-rata pension at the time of their absorption in public sector undertakings are being denied CGHS benefits, pending decision on the restoration of 1/3 of commuted portion of their pension, which they would have normally got after their retirement; if so the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government would favourably consider the grant of this benefit and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI S. R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) and (b) The Central Government employees who had opted for lumpsum payment of admissible pro-rata pension at the time of their absorption in Public Sector Undertakings and are not in receipt of any monthly pension are not entitled to CGHS facility. This is because after their absorption, they do not remain Central Government employees/pensioners. As already clarified in reply to the Starred Question No. 60 in Rajya Sabha on 29th February, 1996, the question of implementation of the Supreme Court Judgement dated 15th December, 1995 for restoration of 1/3rd commuted portion of the pension in the case of those Government servants who opted